MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY.

Friday, 19th October 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Atara Kacheri, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI H. S. RUDRAPPA, B.SC., LL.B.) in the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Since Hon'ble Members whose questions have appeared in today's list, are not present in the House, we may take up the Short Notice Questions first.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Measures to prevent breaches of tanks in Kolar District.

Q.—22. **Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY** (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of tanks breached in the Kolar District in general and Malur taluk in particular owing to heavy rains within the past one fortnight ;

(*b*) whether it is true that as many as 24 tanks have breached within the last one fortnight ;

(*c*) whether the tanks of Araleri, Dadinayakanadoddi, Siddanahalli, Ahara breached within the last one week ;

(*d*) the reasons for breaches of so many tanks in Malur Taluk within the last few days ;

(*e*) the steps taken by them to prevent breaches of tanks in future and the cost of damage ;

(*f*) the relief given to those affected by the breaches and the steps taken to repair the breached tanks ?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) So far the reports indicate damages to 14 tanks in the Kolar District, 3 in Malur Taluk.

(*b*) Further information awaited.

(*c*) Except Siddanahally, reports in respect of the three other tanks are awaited.

(*d*) Due to heavy and unprecedented rains.

(*e*) Reports are awaited both regarding steps taken and the estimate of damages.

(*f*) Reports are being called for.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Sir, have the Government taken any precautionary measures with a view to avoid breaches during these heavy rains ?

†**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.**—Sir, this year we have unprecedented rains and there was no warning given by the God of rain and therefore nothing was possible.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Were not reports made by the taluk officials that the tanks are likely to breach in the event of heavy rains ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—They could not anticipate that at all. I will give the rainfall figures for the last year and this year. That will give you an idea as to how unprecedented the rains were this year. I have collected figures for all districts.

†Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

(SRI A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.)

		October 1955	*October 1956*
Kolar District ...	1st Week	1.29	4.61
	2nd Week	0.99	6.61
Tumkur District ...	1st Week	0.75	5.88
	2nd Week	0.51	3.50
Mysore District ...	1st Week	0.45	3.82
	2nd Week	0.13	

For the 2nd week we have not yet received information.

Mandya District ...	1st Week	no rainfall	6.49
	2nd Week	1.79	2.86
Hassan District ...	1st Week	0.46	4.74
	2nd Week	0.10	0.54
Shimoga District ...	1st Week	3.19	3.95
	2nd Week	3.04	0.05

It is somewhat less.

Chickamagalur District	1st Week	1.03	4.47
	2nd Week	0.58	1.61
Chitaldrug District...	1st Week	0.57	2.76
	2nd Week	0.83	1.77
Bellary District ...	1st Week	0.52	3.31
	2nd Week	0.83	1.61

Thus, the House will be pleased to see that except in Shimoga District, in all other districts there has been unprecedented rainfall.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the rainfall regarding Malur taluk ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are Government aware that the number of tanks breached is the highest in Malur taluk ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is the report.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Did the Hon'ble Minister verify whether the earlier statement he received is correct or not ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We are awaiting information.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are Government aware that for the last one month there have been heavy rains and was no report made by the Taluk or District authorities that many of these tanks were likely to breach ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The report that I read clearly shows that it is not only unprecedented but unusual and it was very heavy.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is whether the authorities were or not aware that there has been heary rainfall and did they not take precautionary measures to check the overflow, etc.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It has happened suddenly and whatever possible is being done.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it the information of the Government that all these tanks breached on one night ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Not on one night.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are Government aware that these breaches have taken place at a period of 15 to 20 days ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes, during the first and second week of October.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the action taken by the Public Works Department at the district level or taluk level with regard to sending reports or with regard to preventing breaches ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The department of not only P. W. but also the Revenue are asked to be vigilant and take precautionary measures and to repair as much as they can immediately.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Of course, instructions have been given; but the question is whether they were inspecting and sending reports.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We are waiting for reports, Sir.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know what Government have done with regard to giving relief to the people and restoration of the tanks?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We are waiting for the report and we will take necessary action.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—After sending answers to this question, have not Government received report of further breaches of tanks in Kolar District?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—These are short notice questions which came to me to-day; all the answers were provided yesterday. I think, it is up-to-date.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not a fact that as many as 41 tanks have breached?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Government are awaiting further report.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—I am asking whether the information that has been received by Government does not reveal that 41 tanks in the whole district have breached?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I take note of that. But, the information, what was collected, has been furnished.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is there no loss of human life?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—So far no casualty has been reported.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Have not Government received information of loss of life in Bethamangala tank?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have not received any information.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—What is the extent of damage caused to the standing crops in the case of these breaches of tanks?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister has already said that he is awaiting reports regarding all these details.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Will the Government take immediate steps to restore the tanks and in the matter of giving relief to the affected?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes; that is what we propose to do.

Shimsha Flood.

Q.—26. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Shimaha River was on high flood on 16th and 17th of this month;

(*b*) whether this has caused serious damage to bridge across Shimsha river between Halgur and Malavalli, if so, to what extent it has been damaged;

(*c*) whether there was damage to the lands or villages on the banks of this river;

(*d*) whether there was any loss of life;

(*e*) whether the total damage due to higher floods in the river has been assessed;

(*f*) whether the Government have taken any action to give relief to the people affected?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Extent to be assessed after the floods subside.

(*c*) Report awaited.

(*d*) No information yet.

(*e*) Not yet.

(*f*) This will arise when the damage is estimated.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Has this caused any damage to the Shimsha Power Generating Station?

*Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have no information about any damage.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Shimsha Generating Station was inundated on 17th?